working the same or to discontinue removing stone, earth or other material from such place or to take such order with such quarry or place, as he shall deem necessary for the purpose of preventing danger or of abating the nuisance arising or likely to arise therefrom.

338. Power to order filling in pools, etc., which are a nuisance and regulation of agriculture within the city.—(1) If in the opinion of the commissioner,—

(a) any pool, ditch, tank, well, pond, bog, swamp, quarry-hole, drain, cess-pool, pit, water-course, or any collection of water; or

(b) any land on which water may at any time accumulate is or is likely to become a breeding-place of mosquitoes or in any other respect a nuisance,

The commissioner may, by notice, require the owner or person having control thereof to fill up, cover, weed, stock with weed, stock with larvicidal fish, treat with kerosene oil, drain or drain off the same in such manner and with such materials as the commissioner shall direct, or to take such order with the same for removing or abating the nuisance as the commissioner shall direct.

(2) If a person on whom a requisition is made under sub-section (1) to fill up, cover over, or drain off a well, delivers to the commissioner, within the time fixed for compliance therewith written objections to such requisition the commissioner shall report such objections to the standing committee and shall make further inquiry into the case, and he shall not institute any prosecution for failue to comply with such requisition except with the approval of the standing, committee, but the commissioner may nevertheless, if he deems the execution of the work called for by such requisition to be of urgent importance, proceed in accordance with section 469 and pending the standing committee's disposal of the question whether the said well shall be permanently filled up, covered over or otherwise dealt with, may cause such well to be securely covered over, so as to prevent the ingress of musqitoes and in every

such case the commissioner shall determine with the approval of the standing committee, whether the expenses of any work already done as aforesaid shall be paid by the owner or by the commissioner out of the corporation fund or shall be shared and if so, in what proportions.

(3) On the report of the health officer that the cultivation of any specified crop, or the use of any specified manure, or the irrigation of land in any place within the limits of the city is injurious to the public health, the coporation may, with the previous sanction of the Government by public notice, regulate or prohibit the cultivation, use of manure, or irrigation so reported to be injurious :

Provided that when such cultivation, or irrigation has been practised during the five years preceding the date of such public notice with such continuity as the ordinary course of husbandry admits of, compensation shall be paid from the corporation fund to all persons interested for any damage caused to them by such prohibition.

339. Power to order cleansing of insanitary private water course, spring, tank, well, etc., used for drinking.— (1) The commissioner may by notice require the owner or person having control over any private water course, spring, tank, well or other place the water of which is used for drinking bathing or washing clothes to keep the same in good repair, to cleanse it, in such manner as the commissioner may direct and to protect it from pollution caused by surface drainage or other matter in such manner as may be provided in the notice.

(2) If the water of any private tank, well, or other place which is used for drinking or washing clothes, as the case may be, is proved to the satisfaction of the commissioner to be unfit for that purpose, the commissioner may by notice require the owner or person having control thereof to,—

(a) refrain from using or permitting the use of such water ; or

(b) close or fill up such place or enclose it with a substantial wall or fence.

340. Duty of commissioner in respect of public well or receptacle or stagnant water.—If it appears to the commissioner, that any public well or receptacle of stagnant water is likely to be injurious to health or offensive to the neighbourhood, he shall cause the same to be cleansed, drained or filled up.

341. Prohibition against contaminating water supply.—It shall not be lawful for any person to,—

(a) bathe in any tank, reservoir, conduit, fountain, well or other place set apart by the corporation or by the owner thereof, for drinking purposes;

(b) wash or cause any animal or thing to be washed in any such place;

(c) throw, put or cause to enter into the water in any such place, any animal, or thing whereby the water may be fouled or polluted; or

(d) cause or suffer to drain into or upon any such place, or cause or suffer anything to be brought thereunto or do anything, whereby the water may be fouled or polluted.

342. Untenanted buildings or lands.—If any building or land, by reason of abandonment, disputed ownership or other cause remains untenanted and thereby becomes a resort of idle or disorderly persons or in the opinion of the commissioner becomes a nuisance, the commissioner may after due inquiry by notice require the owner or person claiming to be the owner to secure, enclose, clear or cleanse the same.